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Opening Mass Diocesan Gathering for the

Diocesan Gathering for the Local Synodal Process



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St. Joseph Parish

Jacksonville, Florida

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Resources for the Synodal Process

"One listening to the others; and all listening to the Holy Spirit."

The Official website for the Synod of Bishops:

https://www.synod.va/en.html

Handbook, prayer, up to date news on how the Synod unfolds in local dioceses, on continents, and in the universal phase.

Our Diocesan web page for the Local Process:

https://synod.dosafl.com/

Dates for discernment evenings, electronic method for submitting information, background information on the process in seven languages

Apostolic Constitution: *Episcopalis Communio*, Pope Francis, 15 September 2018

https://bit.ly/3DdipAC

Theological background on the concept of Synodality

Address of His Holiness, Pope Francis, on the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of the Synod of Bishops, 17 October 2017

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Historical context in a short form

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light!



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Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, 9 8 9 6 with refrain; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957

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Introductory Rites

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

GLORIA



Choir: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

All: repeat Refrain

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All: repeat Refrain

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,



Lord God, Lamb of God, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Choir: You take away the sin of the world:



Lord Je-sus Christ, have mer-cy on us.

Choir: You are seated at the right hand of the Father:



Lord Je-sus Christ, re - ceive our prayer.

All: repeat Refrain

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

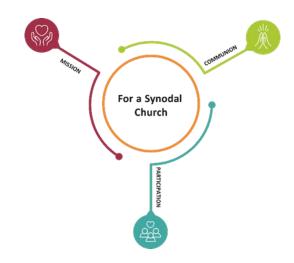
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father.

All: repeat Refrain

"A synodal church is a listening church, aware that listening is more than hearing. It is a reciprocal listening in which each one has something to learn."

Pope Francis, Address to Synod of Bishops, October 17, 2015



Discernment sessions will be held with doors to the church opening at 6:30 pm at the following locations:

November 11, 2021 St. And December 9, 2021 St. M. January 13, 2022 Sacret January 20, 2022 St. M. February 3, 2022 Queen (please February 24, 2022 Assur

St. Anastasia, St. Augustine St. Matthew, Jacksonville Sacred Heart, Fleming Island St. Madeleine, High Springs Queen of Peace, Gainesville (please note parish has a 6:00 pm Mass) Assumption, Jacksonville

The Three Questions that the Diocese of St. Augustine will prayerfully discern during its Local Synodal Process:

LISTENING

Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice. How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore? How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people? What facilitates or inhibits our listening? How well do we listen to those on the peripheries? How is the contribution of consecrated men and women integrated? What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own? What space is there for the voice of minorities, especially people who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION

Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church, in which all members are called to participate. Since we are all missionary disciples, how is every baptised person called to participate in the mission of the Church? What hinders the baptised from being active in mission? What areas of mission are we neglecting? How does the community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment, etc.)? How does the Church help these members to live out their service to society in a missionary way? How is discernment about missionary choices made and by whom?

FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY

Synodality entails receptivity to change, formation, and on-going learning. How does our church community form people to be more capable of "walking together," listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue? What formation is offered to foster discernment and the exercise of authority in a synodal way?

~Liturgy of the Word/La Liturgia de la Palabra ~



(Proclaimed in Spanish)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

53:10-11

The LORD was pleased

to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,

he shall see his descendants in a long life,

and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction

he shall see the light in fullness of days;

through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,

and their guilt he shall bear.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33



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Segunda Lectura

(proclaimed in inglés)

Lectura de la carta a los hebreos

4,14-16

Hermanos: Puesto que Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, es nuestro sumo sacerdote, que ha entrado en el cielo, mantengamos firme la profesión de nuestra fe. En efecto, no tenemos un sumo sacerdote que no sea capaz de compadecerse de nuestros sufrimientos, puesto que él mismo ha pasado por las mismas pruebas que nosotros, excepto el pecado.

Acerquémonos, por lo tanto, con plena confianza al trono de la gracia, para recibir misericordia, hallar la gracia y obtener ayuda en el momento oportuno.

Palabra de Dios

Te alabamos, Señor

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Evangelio

(Proclaimed in inglés)

Lectura del santo Evangelio segun san Marcos

10, 35-45

En aquel tiempo, se acercaron a Jesús Santiago y Juan, los hijos de Zebedeo, y le dijeron: "Maestro, queremos que nos concedas lo que vamos a pedirte". Él les dijo:

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

Oración de invocación al Espíritu Santo para una asamblea eclesial de gobierno o discernimiento (es decir, sinodal)

Cada sesión del Concilio Vaticano II comenzó con la oración Adsumus Sancte Spiritus, las primeras palabras del original latino que significan: "Estamos ante ti, Espíritu Santo", que se ha utilizado históricamente en Concilios, Sínodos y otras reuniones de la Iglesia durante cientos de años, siendo atribuida a San Isidoro de Sevilla (c. 560 - 4 de abril de 636). Al ser llamados a abrazar este camino sinodal del Sínodo 2021-2023, esta oración invita al Espíritu Santo a actuar en nosotros para que seamos una comunidad y un pueblo de gracia. Para el Sínodo 2021-2023, proponemos utilizar esta versión simplificada, para que cualquier grupo o asamblea litúrgica pueda rezarla más fácilmente.

Estamos ante ti, Espíritu Santo,

reunidos en tu nombre.

Tú que eres nuestro verdadero consejero:

ven a nosotros, apóyanos,

entra en nuestros corazones.

Enséñanos el camino,

muéstranos cómo alcanzar la meta.

Impide que perdamos

el rumbo como personas débiles y pecadoras.

No permitas que

la ignorancia nos lleve por falsos caminos.

Concédenos el don del discernimiento,

para que no dejemos que nuestras acciones se guíen por perjuicios y falsas consideraciones.

Condúcenos a la unidad en ti,

para que no nos desviemos del camino de la verdad y la justicia, sino que en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal nos esforzemos por alcanzar la vida eterna.

Esto te lo pedimos a ti,

que obras en todo tiempo y lugar, en comunión con el Padre y el Hijo por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén.

Prayer for the Success of the Three Phases of the Diocesan Synod

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit for an ecclesial Assembly of governance or discernment (thus synodal)

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unty so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

"¿Qué es lo que desean?" Le respondieron: "Concede que nos sentemos uno a tu derecha y otro a tu izquierda, cuando estés en tu gloria". Jesús les replicó: "No saben lo que piden. ¿Podrán pasar la prueba que yo voy a pasar y recibir el bautismo con que seré bautizado?" Le respondieron: "Sí podemos". Y Jesús les dijo: "Ciertamente pasarán la prueba que yo voy a pasar y recibirán el bautismo con que yo seré bautizado; pero eso de sentarse a mi derecha o a mi izquierda no me toca a mí concederlo; eso es para quienes está reservado".

Cuando los otros diez apóstoles oyeron esto, se indignaron contra Santiago y Juan. Jesús reunió entonces a los Doce y les dijo: "Ya saben que los jefes de las naciones las gobiernan como si fueran sus dueños y los poderosos las oprimen. Pero no debe ser así entre ustedes. Al contrario: el que quiera ser grande entre ustedes que sea su servidor, y el que quiera ser el primero, que sea el esclavo de todos, así como el Hijo del hombre, que no ha venido a que lo sirvan, sino a servir y a dar su vida por la redención de todos"

Palabra del Dios

Gloria a ti, Señor Jesus

Homily/La homilia: Msgr. Vincent Haut

Profession of Faith/La profesión de fe

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

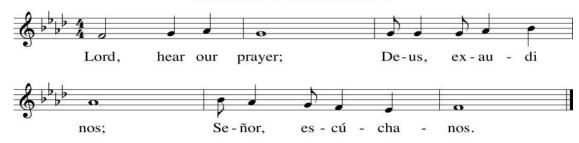
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS



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That the Church, the People of God and Mystical Body of Christ, will always be attentive to the direction of the Holy Spirit in living the Gospel, we pray to the Lord. (Creole)

That the sick and migrants, all who suffer due to natural or man-made disasters, as well as the unemployed and the marginalized will be accompanied in their need by a caring Christian community, we pray to the Lord. (Albanian)

Saint Stephen,
Saint Sebastian,
Saint Anastasia,
Saint Francis Choe & the Martyrs of Korea,

Saint Ambrose, Saint Augustine, our patron, Saint Patrick, Saint William of York, Saint Pius V, Saint John Paul II,

Saint Anthony the Abbot, Saint Maron, Saint Benedict, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Benedict the Moor, Saint Philip Neri,

Saint Clare of Assisi, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Saint Madeleine Sophie,

Saint Edward the Confessor, Saint Monica,

All holy men and women, saints of God

pray for us.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

pray for us.

pray for us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,

Our Lady of the Annunciation,

Our Lady of La Leche,

Our Lady of the Assumption,

Mary, Queen of Heaven,

Mary, Mother of Mercy,

Our Lady of Consolation,

Our Lady of Good Counsel,

Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary,

Morning Star,

Mary, Queen of Peace,

Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Saint Michael the Archangel,

Saint Anne, Mother of Mary

Saint John the Baptist

Saint Joseph

pray for us.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint James,

Saint John the Evangelist,

Saint Matthew.

Saint Luke.

Saint Mark,

pray for us

That world, national and economic leaders will find their inspiration from the Spirit of the living God and be servants of true justice and lasting peace, we pray to the Lord. (Vietnamese)

That the sick and migrants, all who suffer due to natural or man-made disasters, as well as the unemployed and the marginalized will be accompanied in their need by a caring Christian community, we pray to the Lord. (Albanian)

That the Synod will be a time of listening so that together we will be in communion, participate fully together and be on mission and bring the Gospel of salvation to all, we pray to the Lord (Tagalog)

That this assembly, nourished in Word and Sacrament, may be transformed anew to serve their brothers and sisters in a spirit of sacrificial love, we pray to the Lord. (Spanish)

That the faithful departed will come to rest in the fullness of the peace of the Risen Christ, we pray to the Lord. (English)

~Liturgy of the Eucharist/ La Liturgia de la Eucharista~

Offertory Hymn:

THE SUMMONS Will You Come and Follow Me



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Everyone is invited to a dessert reception in the church courtyard. Ushers will direct parish groups out of the church and to the reception.

Please listen to the Litany of the Diocese of St. Augustine as you are being sent out on Mission.



Litany of the Titulars, Patrons and Patronesses of the Diocese of St. Augustine

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Most Holy Trinity,
Prince of Peace,
Lord of the Epiphany,
Corpus Christi,
Holy Cross & Crucifixion,
Most Holy Redeemer,
Lord of the Resurrection,
Sacred Heart,
Christ the King,
Christ the Good Shepherd,
Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Mission

"Mere administration" can no longer be enough. Throughout the world, let us be "permanently in a state of mission" *Evangelii Gaudium 25*

- A formal teaching document will provide a universal plan of action centered on synodality to be implemented in each local church.
- Everyone (laity, pastors, Bishop of Rome) is called to "pastoral conversion"
- A Church which listens can evangelize those on the peripheries of our communities, parishes, and diocese.
- This helps form a culture of encounter becoming a more effective and credible witness to the truth of Christ in the Third Millennium.

Closing comments as we begin our Local Synodal Process:

Bishop Felipe J. Estévez,

10th Bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine

Synodality does not exist without the pastoral authority of the College of Bishops, under the primacy of the Successor of Peter, as well as the pastoral authority of each diocesan Bishop in the diocese entrusted to his care. Their charism of discernment calls them to be authentic guardians, interpreters, and witnesses to the faith of the Church. In and from the local Churches exists the one unique Catholic Church (LG, 23). The fullness of the Synodal Process can only truly exist with the involvement of the local Churches, requiring the personal involvement of the diocesan Bishop. "In virtue of this catholicity, each part contributes its own gifts to other parts and to the entire church, so the whole and each of the parts are strengthened by the common sharing of all things and by the common effort to achieve f ullness in unity" (LG, 13). The diversity of the local Churches and their context and culture bring different gifts to the whole, enriching the entire Body of Christ. This is key to understanding the Church's path of synodality.

Synodality Handbook 4.2

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts, Invitation to Prayer

Bishop invites us to pray "...that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father," and the assembly says:

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the

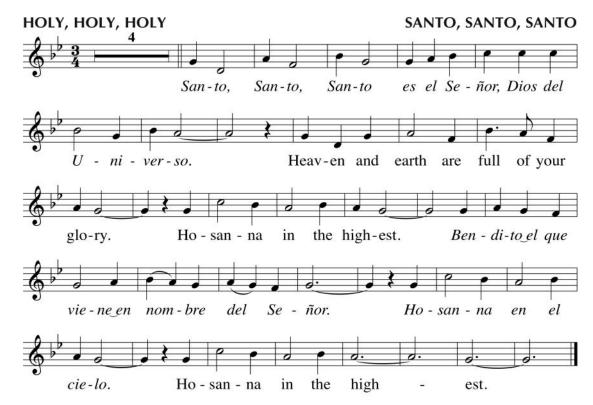
praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all

his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Sanctus



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The Eucharistic Prayer

(Kneel)

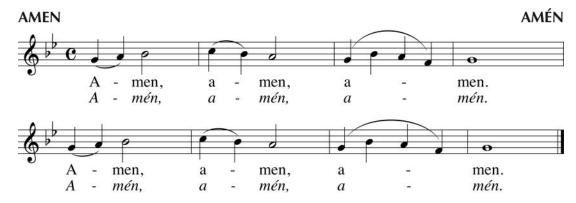
Mystery of Faith



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Doxology

Great Amen



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Commercial Break (quiet music)

Directly after Mass, we will have a short break so that we can set up for the program. You are free to stretch or use the restroom facilities as needed. Priests should move to sit with their parishes. Please do not wander too far away.

Synodality Witness Presentations

Communion

"In this way it becomes possible to build *communion* amid disagreement, but this can only be achieved by those great persons who are willing to go beyond the surface of the conflict and to see others in their deepest dignity" Evangelii Gaudium 228

- Prayer cannot be stressed enough!
- Communion with God and with others ♦ Listening to Holy Spirit in one's heart and then listening to Him speak through the voices of others
- Sharing the fruits of prayer strengthens *communion* when it's listened to by others
- Prayerful listening is "more than simply hearing"
- Attitude of Humility Everyone has something to learn

Participation

"Lay people are, put simply, the vast majority of the People of God. The minority - ordained ministers – are at their service" Evangelii Gaudium 102

- The participation of the laity will help "make pastoral decisions which correspond as closely as possible to God's will"
- Not always the same as public or majority opinion
- Attend one of the *Evenings of Discernment* for small group discussion to: Pray, Listen, Dialogue, Discern, and Advise.
- The prayerful convictions of the entire People of God will help form "practical conclusions" for the Continental and Universal Phases. This will ultimately bear fruit and enrich each local church.

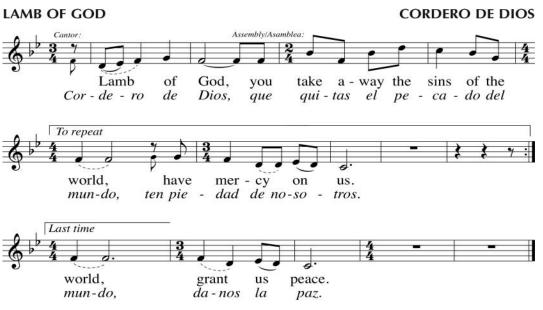
Closing Prayer

Final Blessing



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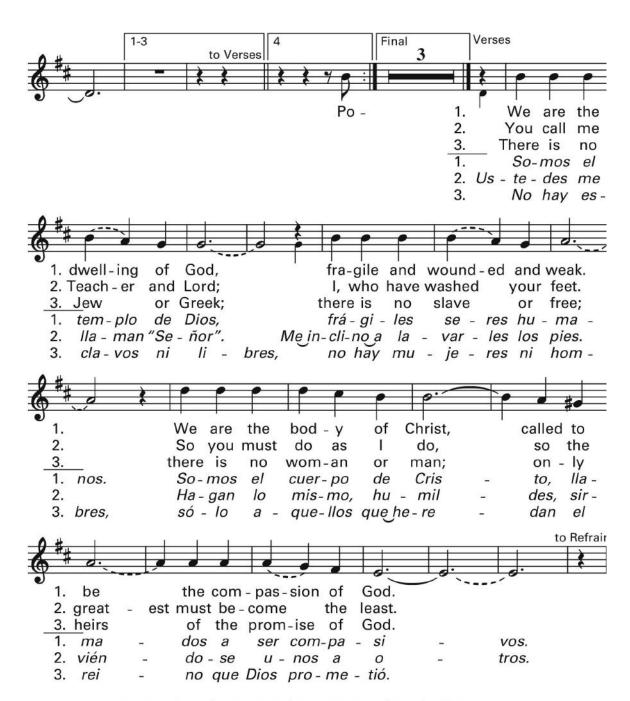
Fraction (Breaking of the Bread)



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Communion Hymns





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